
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Research and Special Programs
Administration****[Docket No. RSPA-98-4470] -4****Pipeline Safety: Meetings of Pipeline
Safety Advisory Committees****AGENCY:** Office of Pipeline Safety,
Research and Special Programs
Administration, DOT.**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee
meetings.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) notice is hereby given of the following meetings of the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (TPSSC) and the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee (THLPSSC). Both the TPSSC and the THLPSSC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that assist RSPA's Office of Pipeline Safety in its consideration of proposed safety regulations, risk assessments, and safety policies for hazardous liquid and natural gas pipelines. Each committee has an authorized membership of 15 persons, five each from government, industry, and the public. The committees meet in May and November of each year. Each Committee meeting, as well as a joint session of the two Committees, is held at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. The November 3-4, 1999 meetings will be held in room 8236.**ADDRESSES:** Comments on these meetings should be sent to the Dockets

Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, Plaza 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Alternatively, comments may be e-mailed to ops.comments@rspa.dot.gov. All comments must reference Docket No. RSPA-98-4470. The Dockets Facility is located on the plaza level of the Nassif Building in Room 401, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC. The Dockets Facility is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the meeting, contact Peggy Thompson at (202) 366-1933.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mary Jo Cooney, OPS, (202) 366-4774 or Richard Hurlaux, OPS, (202) 366-4565, regarding the subject matter of this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 3, 1999, at 9:00 a.m., the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee will meet in room 8236 of the Nassif Building. The preliminary agenda includes:

1. Bellingham, WA Incident & Investigation
2. Industry Performance Report
3. Corrosion Control on Hazardous Liquid Pipelines
4. Pressure Testing Older Pipelines in Terminals
5. Update on Unusually Sensitive Areas (USA) Project
6. Oil Pollution Act Developments

On November 3, 1999, at 1:00 p.m., the THLPSSC will be joined by members of the TPSSC for a joint session of the gas and hazardous liquid pipeline advisory committees. The preliminary agenda includes:

1. Administration/RSPA/OPS Initiatives
2. Program Update
3. OPS Reauthorization: Congressional Perspectives
4. Challenges of the Current Regulatory Climate, Government Accounting Office & Inspector General Audits
5. Issues Raised by Recent Incidents & NTSB Perspectives
6. Opportunities for Improving Integrity Assurance
7. Underwater Abandoned Pipeline Facilities (VOTE)
8. Enforcement Procedures (VOTE)

On November 4, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee will meet. The preliminary agenda includes:

1. Plastic Pipeline Safety Standards & Research
2. Gas Pipeline Safety Standards; SIRRC report
3. Gas Gathering Line Definition
4. Remotely Controlled Valves on Natural Gas Pipelines
5. Update on the Local Distribution Company Risk Assessment Feasibility Team Initiative

All three meetings will be open to the public. Members of the public will have an opportunity to make short statements on the topics under discussion. Anyone wishing to make an oral statement must notify Peggy Thompson, Room 7128, Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, telephone (202) 366-1933, not later than October 15, 1999, on the topic of the statement and the time requested for presentation. The presiding officer at each meeting may deny any request to present an oral statement and may limit the time of any presentation.

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